Provision of NIS trained trainers

†2325. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of National Institute of Sports (NIS) trained trainers were provided for centre as well as State project;

(b) whether these services have been discontinued;

(c) the reasons therefor, and whether any survey preceded discontinuation of these services; and

(d) whether these services would be restored keeping in view their utility?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Trained trainers from NIS are being provided by the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for Central and State Schemes. The Central Schemes are run by SAI where sufficient number of coaches are posted. Under the State Coaching Centre Scheme, SAI has placed approximately 277 coaches at the disposal of States. Only the trainers working in the State under District Coaching Centre (DCC) have been withdrawn in 2005 on the recommendation of the Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) of the Ministry of Finance.

(d) There is no proposal to restore such deployment of coaches.

Establishment of youth hostels

2326. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a plan to establish Youth Hostels in all districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that at present there are only three Youth Hostels in Kerala i.e. at Trivandrum, Ernakulam and Calicut;

(d) if so, whether Government has any plan to establish more Youth Hostels in the State; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to establish Youth Hostels in all districts in the country. The selection of a place for Youth Hostel is decided on the historical and cultural value, educational centre, State capital, place of tourist importance, scenic beauty and hill station, port of entry and place which offer facilities for youth activities.

(c) Yes, Sir. At present, there are 3 Youth Hostels at Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode in Kerala.

(d) and (e) The Scheme of Youth Hostels has recently been reviewed in the context of Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) exercise with the Planning Commission. It has outlined the need to construct more youth hostels in the country in the Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) mode.

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